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Our Case No. 12730-11



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RE
In re Application of:)
Thomas A. Osborne et al.)
Serial No.: 10/642,513) Examiner: William H. Matthews
Filing Date: August 15, 2003) Group Art Unit: 3738
For: Stent and Method of Forming a Stent)
with Integral Barbs)

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction/Election Requirement dated June 29, 2005,

Applicants respectfully submit the following comments. Applicants elect Invention I (claims 1-20) and Species AAA (Fig. 91). Claims 21-24, 26, 27 and 31 are readable on Species AAA.

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.141, if Claim 21 is allowed, Applicants respectfully request examination of all remaining dependent claims 25 and 28-30, since by definition, they are allowable based on an allowance of Claim 21.

Respectfully submitted,

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